THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Special Category Status to Goa

1726. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Goa has made a demand for special category status in view of its weak resource base;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give special category status to Goa in view of its resources crunch since Goa is mainly depending upon the income from tourism sector only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) States included among the Special Category States, for the purpose of Central Assistance for Plan Financing, are those which have a strategic location on the border with neighbouring countries and are hilly states, some with large tribal population and/or which have been constituted out of former small Union Territories districts, with limited and weak resource base compared to their development needs.

Goa, though carved out of erstwhile Union Territory, has no such handicap. It is one of the richer States with a well developed fiscal framework and possesses a known potential for resource mobilisation from tourism, minerals and mineral based industries. As such the State of Goa does not qualify for the status of Special Category States.

Schemes for Development of Hill areas in the Eighth Plan

1727. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether special schemes are being formulated for the development of Hill areas in the Eighth Five Year plan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Hill Areas Development Programme is likely to continue in the designated Hill Areas and the Western Ghats Region during the Eighth Five Year Plan also. The objective of the programme is to ensure socio-economic development of the hill communities in harmony with ecological concerns and schemes are likely to be formulated accordingly.

Cut in the Annual Plan of Uttar Pradesh

1728. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh in a letter to the Prime Minister has urged him to reconsider the decision of the Planning Commission to cut down the State's Annual Plan, as per the news item titled "Kalyan for bigger Annual Plan", appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 30th January, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the extent of cuts suggested by the Central Government on the Annual Plan of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider the issue of the State's Plan in view of the State's request in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (e) Following several rounds of discussions, the tentative outlay for the Annual Plan 1992-93 of U.P. was fixed at Rs. 3853.00 crores at a meeting held on 6-3-1992 between the Deputy Chairman (Planning Commission) and the Chief Minister, U.P.

गरीबी की रेखा का परिकलन करने के लिए वार्षिक आय में वृद्धि

1729. **श्री रणजीत सिंह :**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :
डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में जीवनयापन की लागत में वृद्धि के कारण गरीबी रेखा के संबंध में वार्षिक आय को 6400 रुपए से बढ़ाकर 11060 रुपए किए जाने का प्रस्ताव किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए दृष्टिकोण पत्र तैयार करते समय सरकार ने देश में इस नयी सीमा रेखा के अन्तर्गत आने वाले लोगों की संख्या का अनुमान लगाया है और यदि हां, तो यह संख्या कितनी है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और इस संख्या का पता लगाने हेतु सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) जी, हां। सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में गरीबी रेखा के रूप में प्रयुक्त 1984-85 की कीमतों पर 6400 रु. के वार्षिक घरेलू आय/व्यय को आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान 1991-92 की कीमतों पर वार्षिक घरेलू आय व्यय को 11060 रु. तक बढ़ाये जाने का अनंतिम रूप में प्रस्ताव किया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) घरेलू खपत व्यय के आंकड़े के पंचवार्षिक सवक्षण का प्रयोग करके गरीबी रेखा के नीचे के व्यक्तियों की संख्या का अनुमान लगाया जाता है। 1987-88 में नवीनतम सर्वेक्षण के आधार पर यह अनुमान लगाया गया था कि उस वर्ष में गरीबी रेखा के नीचे के व्यक्तियों की संख्या 2376.7 लाख थी।

Guidelines sent to Uttar Pradesh by Planning Commission regarding Eighth Plan

1730. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission had sent certain guidelines to the Uttar Pradesh Government regarding the preparation of the Eighth Plan for the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and also the details of the approach paper for the Eighth Plan prepared by the State Government;

(c) what percentage of the total plan outlay of the State is proposed to be spent on the development of the rural areas in the States; and

(d) what percentage of the total plan outlay is proposed to be spent on the development of industries in the state?